

8.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, COMPLIANCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT

Educational and training programs will be improved at MCAS Miramar as proactive measures to prevent violations of natural resource-related laws and regulations. A natural resources orientation program for new personnel will include (1) development of a short presentation on natural resources (2) emphasis on the importance of protection of Special Status Species and archeological and historical resources, and (3) reminder about MCAS Miramar's policy prohibiting off-road vehicle activity that is not specifically authorized, including mountain bikes. Training programs will include educating existing Station personnel about natural resources and use of this INRMP.

Violations documented by the Station organization responsible for compliance are referred to the Station Commanding General for determination regarding reporting, investigation, adjudication, corrective and/or punitive actions. Law enforcement associated with individual actions beyond official federal duties, including poaching and any future recreational hunting and fishing programs, will be the responsibility of the Provost Marshal's Office, or other entity as directed by the Commanding General, with technical assistance from the Environmental Management Department, NRD. Occasionally, the services of state and federal fish and wildlife agency enforcement personnel are involved where their technical expertise or extra manpower is needed. Marine Corps policy is to permit access to installation lands by federal, state, and local conservation personnel for official purposes after proper safety and security measures are taken (MCO P5090.2). The Ground Training Office enforces the training instructions relative to military operational activity. An Environmental Compliance and Protection Standard Operation Procedure (ECPSOP) that addresses natural resource conservation and compliance will be completed once all reviews and approvals for this INRMP are completed. This will include specific procedures to further ensure that actions of the Station and its tenants are planned and executed.

The Environmental Management Department provides technical support to plan for and address environmental compliance for all Station activities. Compliance for project implementation and maintenance activities is achieved through the Public Works Department's site approval process. This includes compliance with NEPA, ESA, MBTA, and National Historic Preservation Act/Archaeological Resources Protection Act. Compliance with natural and cultural resources laws and regulations needed for accidental or unintentional impacts will be achieved through the Assistant Chief of Staff, Environmental Management Department in coordination with the responsible party and Public Works Department. Revisions to this INRMP will establish standard operating procedures for responding to unexpected impacts on natural resources.